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Fenton & Hedges of Jamestown, J B Hepple & Rev Wm Waith Ellington Saml Hale & J Thompson Salem & Roods are good men to act on this question in Chautauque County — You will know in other quarters — the petitions I suppose might safely be sent post paid to care of Rev Dr Barnes

I want much to see Dr Barnes book. If it is what I anticipate it will do much good & I will do all I can to give it extensive circulation. I think considerable might be done for it here —

I say again the length of Dr Barnes articles opens the door wide for you to say much & give much antislavery matter which they would not otherwise publish — If the Evangelist attempts to cramp you let it be known & the editor will find he has many antislavery subscribers who will not stand by him — I speak advisedly — Some have been much grieved with the silence of the present editor on that subject —

Have you seen Barnes on Slavery & is it what we want on the bible question?

We will give the Reporter a good lift for the next volume in this Slaveridden city — We have begun to act & the last weeks election showed an increased vote from 22 to 58 & the ball will roll onward

Heartily Your friend
E. T. Foote
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no efforts to get rid of or modify them — See Mr Smith of Virginia's Speech in Metho Gen Conference in NY in which he admitted that the M E Ch alone had the power in Virginia to bring about emancipation if they deemed it expedient — It is the truth — The fact is the combined petition of Protestant professors in the Slave States would do it.

Dr Bacon claims to be anti slavery! Where I ask does he show it? Ridicules political abolitionists & never preaches against it & seldom alludes to it in prayer — I have sat under his preaching 6 months & never heard him allude to it in preaching or in seminary lectures & very seldom alludes to it even in prayer & then you would not discover it unless watching carefully — If he alludes to it it is done with the utmost caution — I speak what I know from 6 months experience. What I ask would he have us do taking his own example nothing

Just like Dr Taylor who not long since declared before the Theological Class in a public lecture that "He had no doubt if Jesus Christ was now on earth he would under certain circumstances become a slaveholder. I have this from students who are pro slavery & anti slavery — This is New Haven Theology. It deserves to be exposed — Let opponents of slavery see what their sons will be taught if sent here for a Theological education. Still that same Rev Dr Taylor claims to be opposed to slavery —

One thing I deem all important — Let our anti slavery Presbyterians flood ~~that body with~~ the ensuing Gen. Assembly with petitions — There is time enough to have it done yet if it is attended to immediately — Push out letters to prominent anti Slavery Presbyterians over Western NYork & else where — Rely upon it it would do good — It would arm anti slavery members of that body with reasons why they should act & act decidedly —

New Haven April 13th 1846

My Dear Sir

33 I hope if possible your answers to Rev Dr Bacon will appear so as to be read as far as possible before the meeting of the "New School" Gen Assembly I think Dr Bacons object was to influence that body - If not why publish his articles in that paper instead of the Congregational papers of New England for which he has a decided partiality? He very well knew that nearly all the antislavery Presbyterians patronize the Evangelist - Bear this in mind and if the Editor of the Evangelist does not give you full scope and as much latitude as he has Dr B let our friends withdraw their patronage - I know of many in Chautauque County that would do it - It will afford a good opportunity to get much antislavery matter before the readers of the Evangelist who have heard nothing from the present editor on the subject as was anticipated when he assumed its editorial department

Why I ask does Dr B talk about Hebrew Slavery - Pin him up to the question which agitates the public American Slavery - Let us know what American Slavery is by the Laws of the Slave States & decisions of their own courts - That is the kind of Slavery.

Again I have challenged a well authenticated case of discipline against a Presbyterian for abuse of a slave, selling & parting families &c - I do not believe it has ever occurred in a protestant church - Can such a case be shown? If it can I should like to have them put their finger on it - The truth is the combined testimony of all is that professing christians treat the slaves as a whole as bad as infidels.

Again why let professed christians shield themselves under horrid slave laws when they make no effort to get them repealed or modified Let them not justify under necessity when they love those laws & make